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  - ☒ A copy of the international preliminary examination report.
  - ☒ Two sheets (2) of formal Drawings.
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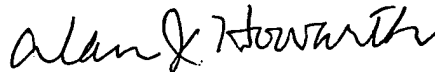
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